



# Agricultural Working Lands Workshop

Cultivating Collaboration for Farmland Preservation in Dane County

Tuesday, February 24, 2009 • 11:00 am – 4:00 pm • Alliant Energy Center • Lake Rooms

## 11:00 Welcome

Convener: Kevin Connors, Director, Dane County Department of Land and Water Resources

Opening Remarks: Rod Nilsestuen, Secretary, WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and Kathleen Falk, Dane County Executive

## 11:15 Morning Session: Introduction to Agricultural Lands in Dane County

Moderator: Kevin Connors, Director, Dane County Department of Land and Water Resources

- Farmland Loss and Land Development, Bridgit Van Belleghem, Junior Planner, CARPC [presentation](#)
- Regional Economics of Agriculture, Rafael Carbonell, Executive Vice President, Thrive [presentation](#)
- Working Lands Initiative, Vicki Elkin, American Farmland Trust, Gathering Waters Conservancy [presentation](#)
- CARPC efforts to develop and implement farmland protection tools, Sally Kefer, CARPC Commissioner [presentation](#)

## 12:30 Lunch Session: "Basics of preserving working lands and what other states are doing"

Speaker: Bob Wagner, Senior Director of Farmland Protection Programs, American Farmland Trust [presentation](#)

5 minute break

## 1:30-3:40 Afternoon Session: Initiatives and challenges to protecting farmland in Dane County

1:30 *Land for Housing and Land for Farming*

Moderator: Bridgit Van Belleghem, Junior Planner, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

- Don Tierney, Madison Area Developer
- Walter Meinholz, Farmer
- Pat O'Brien, Fitchburg Dairy Farmer

2:00 *Local Farmland Protection Initiatives Panel*

Moderator: Renee Lauber, Planning Consultant, Dane County Towns Association

- Jim Welsh, Executive Director, Natural Heritage Land Trust, Brian Standing, Senior Planner, Dane Co. Dept. of Planning and Zoning. *Grant Funding and Planning Tools to Access Farmland Protection Grants* [presentation](#)
- Kris Hampton, Chair, Town of Cottage Grove. *Town of Cottage Grove TDR Program* [presentation](#)
- Jeff Endres, Town of Springfield TDR committee. *Town of Springfield TDR Program* [presentation](#)
- Ed Minihan, Chair, Town of Dunn. *Town of Dunn Purchase of Development Rights Program* [presentation](#)

10 minute snack break

3:10 *Intergovernmental Cooperation Challenges Panel* [presentation 1](#) [presentation 2](#)

Moderator: Mike Slavney, Principal Planner, Vandewalle & Associates

- John Van Dinter, Chair, Town of Westport
- Kevin Even, Village Engineer/Public Works Director, Village of Waunakee

3:40 *Break out session: Small group discussion about farmland preservation*

## 3:55 Closing Remarks